

أحمد عبدالرحمن

DPP likely to ask for a showing of banned TV film on MI5 activities

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

A showing of the banned Channel Four programme on MI5 is expected to be requested by the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), Sir Thomas Hetherington, after yesterday's announcement that he is to investigate the film and its allegations.

The film, made for the 20:20 Vision series, includes a long interview with Miss Cathy Massier, an MI5 officer from 1970 to 1984, and a statement from a second but anonymous former security service clerk. The two women describe surveillance of trade unions, the National Council for Civil Liberties (NCCCL) and the

Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND). People named as being under MI5 surveillance include Mr Michael McGahey, vice-president of the National Union of Mine-workers; Mr Arthur Scarrill, the president; Mr Ken Gill, general secretary of the TASS section of the engineering union; and Bruce Kent, CND general secretary.

As anger at MI5's alleged activities continued yesterday, after the IBA ban on Wednesday, Sir Thomas's office announced what is said to be a general inquiry.

The IBA banned the film on the ground that to show it

would involve a deliberate breach of the Official Secrets Act, the two former MI5 members could be in breach of section 2, but that may raise problems for Sir Thomas in the light of the Ponting trial.

Counsel who saw the film on behalf of the makers and Channel Four argued that a defence could be raised to any prosecution.

Reaction to the film, which alleges that MI5 has gone beyond its charter in its activities against "subversives", came yesterday from more than 40 MPs who tabled an early day motion regretting the IBA's refusal to show the film.



A photography display at the National Portrait Gallery starring Charlie Chaplin has been set up with the help of David Robinson, *The Times*' film critic. A series of extracts from Mr Robinson's biography, *Chaplin: His Life and Art* will begin in *The Times* on Monday. The comedian's youngest children, Annette (left) and Christopher are holding a model of their father. (Photograph: Suresh Karada).

Aids 'myths spreading faster than disease'

By Thomson Prentice Science Correspondent

The myths about Aids are multiplying faster than the disease, a medical expert said yesterday as specialists appealed for less hysteria about risks of infection.

Aids victims are not dangerous to other people, Dr Anthony Pinching, consultant in clinical immunology and senior lecturer at St. Mary's Hospital, London, said.

Dr Pinching, who has cared for 40 Aids patients, added: "They are people who are very sick and they need our sympathy, our care and understanding."

Dr Pinching said that he expected the 118 known cases of Aids in Britain to rise to 400 by the end of the year, with possibly 1,200 to 1,500 cases by the end of 1986. "It's going to be a disease on a fairly major scale."

According to a report in the present edition of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, up to 400,000 people in the United States could be carrying the Aids virus.

Only 8,000 cases of the disease have been detected since 1981, about half of whom have died. The number of people who risk being exposed to the virus could be as large as about 9.5 million, the report says.

That includes eight million homosexual men, one million casual users of heroin and cocaine, and about 400,000 addicts of those drugs.

"We are dealing with a real, enormous new human tragedy that deserves our fullest attention," Dr Sheldon Landesman, of the Downstate Medical Centre in New York, one of the authors, said.

British Airways cabin staff have been reassured by airline doctors after the death from Aids of a steward in a London hospital last year. In emergencies where mouth-to-mouth resuscitation might be necessary, plastic tubes will be available to avoid oral contact.

2,700 phone taps ordered

MI5, the police, the customs and MI6 have been issued with more than 2,700 warrants to tap telephones in Britain since 1980, with the number never dropping below 500 a year.

The warrants, however, do not signify the number of telephones tapped nor do they provide any guide to the amount of unofficial tapping by criminals or private security firms.

Official telephone tapping can be carried out only after the issue of a warrant by the Home Secretary, the Foreign Secretary, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and the Secretary of State for Scotland. The criteria include the failure or likely failure of normal detection methods.

So far as police tapping is concerned, the offence involved must be serious and the interception likely to lead to conviction. In the case of the security and secret services, the tapping must be used against important subversive, terrorist or espionage interests.

Earlier this year in the

Commons, the Home Secretary, Mr Leon Brittan, said that tapping during the past 10 years had led to 5,000 arrests, the recovery of more than £40 million of stolen property and drug seizures worth £50 million.

Once a warrant has been issued the tapping is carried out by a specialist branch of British Telecom.

Some years ago the *New Statesman* identified their London headquarters in Chelsea and they are said to have moved twice since then. The police, the customs and other agencies each have an allocation of lines with the greatest number being used by MI5 and MI6.

Critics of the system have pointed out that the figures issued each year do not reflect the real amount of tapping.

Mr Richard Lee, who as a chief inspector headed the Operation Julie drugs investigation in the mid-1970s, disclosed later the use by the police of telephone machinery for monitoring calls rather than their contents.

The machines note calls made by a subscriber and the numbers dialled, which can prove useful to an investigator.

It has also been pointed out that warrants are not specific enough and allow tapping of several lines under an umbrella name or address.

The private side of tapping knows no constraints. At present, according to the Home Office, there is no criminal offence. Any offence would arise if a British Telecom employee was involved or if there was a burglary to set up the tapping.

Private tapping usually involves placing a bug, a small transmitter inside or near a telephone set.

It is also possible to pick up portable telephone systems with VHF radios capable of receiving traffic on the frequencies above normal radio station broadcasts.

The scope of such activities may well be threatened if a Bill introduced this month is enacted. It would make unauthorised tapping a criminal offence.

Recycling plant for plastics

Britain's first plastic bottle recycling plant is to be set up in a Clywd village. The £1 million project at Gwernaffield, near Mold, will use the latest American high technology and will create 30 jobs.

The recycling plant is the idea of Mr Les Watkinson, owner of the Pac Plas company in Mold, which makes 500,000 plastic bottles a day.

Mr Watkinson says the plastic fibres will be used in the clothing industry.

Man 'not in London during bombings'

A Belfast labourer, accused of being involved in an IRA bombing campaign in London in 1981 and the murder of three people, denied at the Central Criminal Court yesterday being a member of the Provisional IRA.

Thomas Quigley, aged 29, also said he had not been in London before.

Mr Quigley, of Glenalea Road, Belfast, and Paul Kavanagh, aged 28, also from Belfast, deny three murders, one attempted murder and possessing explosives and firearms.

Warning to jury in £6m theft trial

A judge at the Central Criminal Court yesterday told a jury that in order to achieve a fair trial in a hearing which opened yesterday it was necessary to take steps which they may find "irksome".

Those steps include the jury having their own door in and out of the court building.

Five men and a woman are on charges connected with Britain's biggest cash robbery, the theft of £6 million from Security Express headquarters in Shoreditch, east London.

Teacher wins £6,000 for caning libel

An anti-caning campaigner, Tom Scott, was ordered in the High Court yesterday to pay £6,000 libel damages to a former headmistress falsely accused of caning children in her infants' school.

A press release issued by Mr Scott, education secretary of the Society of Teachers Opposed to Physical Punishment (STOPP) claimed that there had been 20 canings between 1979 and 1980 at the school run by Mrs White, aged 55.

The release also made her appear to resemble the Dickensian character, *Wickfield Squares*, the headmistress in *Nicholas Nickleby*. But Mrs White, of Southcliff Park, Clacton, Essex, never had a cane at the Burysville County Infants' School, Clacton, where she was headmistress for 17 years until her retirement last December.

She admitted smacking the children, aged between four and seven, but denied beating them. It took the jury of seven women, and five men almost four hours to reach a unanimous decision to award the damages.

Mr Scott of Dean Cross Street, Stepney, east London, who admitted during the hearing that the word "caning" should not have been used, but denied libel, must also pay the estimated £40,000 costs of the four-day case.



Mr Scott and Mrs White

Mrs White said after the hearing: "I am totally relieved. I have had a nightmare for three and a half years. All I wanted was an apology. I didn't want to have to bring it this far."

"I don't cane children, and to say that I beat four-year-olds was totally wrong. I would not dream of it. I was like a parent to them. Mr Scott admitted that in love a parent may punish their children, and I loved these children. One day I might give them a smack, but that did not mean I did not love them."

Outside court Mr Scott, who has said that he has not got any money, said: "STOPP will continue to campaign against all forms of corporal punishment. In a civilized society, to use pain, fear and humiliation under the guise of discipline teaches children violence is acceptable. This case has been a gruelling ordeal."

Lord Linley fined for speeding

Lord Linley, aged 23, son of Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon, was fined £65 for motoring offences yesterday by magistrates at St Albans, Hertfordshire.

They were told that he was on holiday abroad, and a letter from his solicitors asked: "We should be grateful if time for payment of any fine could be extended until, say, March 11, to allow for his return to this country."

Lord Linley, whose address was given as Kensington Palace, pleaded guilty by post to offences of speeding on the M1 and failing to produce a driving licence.

Sgt Peter Fahey said that Lord Linley was told to present his driving licence at Earls Court Road police station within five days, but failed to do so.

The letter from his solicitors said: "Our client has asked us to apologize on his behalf both to the court and to the police for any inconvenience caused by the events."

He was fined £45 for speeding and his licence was endorsed with three penalty points. For failing to produce a licence he was fined another £20 with £8 costs. He was given two months to pay.

'Chip card' banking on trial

By Bill Johnstone Technology Correspondent

British bankers are carefully monitoring 10,000 French Visa cardholders who are pioneering a style of banking based on credit cards with in-built microchips.

The chip card - the innovation of French computer experts, Bull - is a plastic credit card with a microcomputer embedded in the top left hand corner.

When the card is inserted into a terminal designed to "read the chip", it triggers a sequence of functions as programmed by the card-issuing agency.

The Visa/Carie Bleu credit cardholders in Blois in France are putting the technology through its paces. Between 1982 and 1984 three different types



The experimental microchip credit card of microchips were tried in pilot schemes in Blois, Lyons, and Caen. The Blois technology was preferred and is the basis for this project.

Applications of the card which have attracted bankers, retailers and telephone companies illustrate its versatility.

● Authenticating the card: When the card is inserted into a terminal - at a checkout or in a bank - the terminal's computer "talks to" the card's computer

to authenticate the card and possibly verify the user's credit limit.

● Authenticating the cardholder: The user will then be required to enter a personal identification number. After three erroneous attempts to enter the correct number, the card is invalidated.

● Home banking and shopping: When placed in a terminal at home - there are 500 such terminals in Blois issued by the telephone authorities - the card can be used for armchair shopping.

The card's computer will be able to talk to the computer in an electronic warehouse and to ensure that it is a bona fide supplier. If the warehouse computer answers correctly the purchases are authorized.

● Money transfers: Cardholders will be able to transfer money from one bank account to another using the card in their home terminals. The card computer does away with the need for passwords which are prone to abuse.

● Telephone credit: The card can be programmed to hold a number of "tokens" for purchasing telephone calls. As calls are made the appropriate number of units are subtracted from the card's token bank. However, unlike other telephone cards, the holder can press a button in a specially equipped telephone kiosk and can reprogramme the card for a chosen amount of tokens. The holder is then billed in the normal way.

● Instant memory: The card can be inserted into a display terminal in a bank or at home and can give a list of the transactions performed by the card.

Marks & Spencer get 40,000 card inquiries

By Richard Thomson

Marks & Spencer has received more than 40,000 applications for its credit card two days after it became available nationwide. That compares with 31,000 cards issued during an eight-month pilot scheme in 17 Scottish stores.

The credit card was launched on Monday and one million application forms were picked up from stores on the first day.

Mr Keith Oates, financial director, said that the company was extremely pleased with the response, which was considerably higher than expected.

The company is making

three to four million leaflets and application forms available during the next few weeks. Customers should receive a card within days of applying, but initial applications could take slightly longer.

The card operates like Access or Visa. However, M&S charges 2.1 per cent interest a month, compared with 2 per cent by Access and Visa.

The company hopes to secure 700,000 card holders in the first 12 months, with two to three million in five years. At that rate it would become the third largest credit card in Britain.

THE MEDWAY TOWNS OFFER MOST ATTRACTIONS TO INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE

- Good motorway and rail links to London, whole of U.K., International air and sea ports
- Ideally located for U.K.'s largest markets - London and the South East
- Easy access to all European markets
- Rapidly expanding Ro-Ro and container services from new Chatham Docks
- Local Executive Airport with International Connections
- Keenly priced land, premises and housing with low rates
- Historic towns and attractive countryside with extensive sailing waters, golf courses and other leisure facilities
- Large, young, skilled labourforce
- Excellent productivity and labour relations record
- ENTERPRISE ZONE BENEFITS ON 5 PRIME SITES including Nil Rates until Nov. 1993 & 100% Tax Allowances on Capital Development.

Join the hundreds of good businesses already here. The ideal location to live and work.

For further details contact: The Enterprise Office, Mountbatten House, 28 Military Road, Chatham Kent, ME4 4JE. Medway (0634) 826233

PARLIAMENT FEBRUARY 21 1985 TUC not hoodwinked Skillcentres to close

Scargill 'slapping the TUC in the face'

COAL DISPUTE

Mr Biffen: I could not make such a... Mr Walker: His opening remarks are a gross insult to seven leading trade union leaders.

For the NUM executive to say that not just Mr Norman Willis but people like Moses Ewan, David Bennett, Ray Buckton and Bill Key were back to the NUM executive with a document worse than the one they took last Sunday shows a total criticism of those trade union leaders.

and gleefully said "We rejected all the proposals" he had forgotten that it is his own area 83 per cent of NUM members were at work.

Mr Walker said he wished to make clear that on the important issues in the document, the coal board had made clear and the Government had supported them, there would be no further talks.

Mr Walker said he wished to make clear that on the important issues in the document, the coal board had made clear and the Government had supported them, there would be no further talks.

Mr Walker said he wished to make clear that on the important issues in the document, the coal board had made clear and the Government had supported them, there would be no further talks.

Limited drugs list

More people in work: self-employment playing large part

THE ECONOMY

The conquest of inflation, so far from being incompatible with a healthy economy, was essential to the creation of more jobs.

level. These adjustments were all taken into account in the medium-term financial strategy, published in March last year.

Mr Stewart Bell (Middlesex, Lab.) who had asked when the Chancellor expected to achieve his targets of sustainable growth and jobs as set out in that strategy...

Mr Stewart Bell (Middlesex, Lab.) who had asked when the Chancellor expected to achieve his targets of sustainable growth and jobs as set out in that strategy...

Mr Stewart Bell (Middlesex, Lab.) who had asked when the Chancellor expected to achieve his targets of sustainable growth and jobs as set out in that strategy...

Mr Stewart Bell (Middlesex, Lab.) who had asked when the Chancellor expected to achieve his targets of sustainable growth and jobs as set out in that strategy...

Mr Biffen said that Mr Scargill, President of the NUM, had no hope whatsoever of securing victory but had a very real prospect of dividing the union.

Mr Biffen said that Mr Scargill, President of the NUM, had no hope whatsoever of securing victory but had a very real prospect of dividing the union.

Mr Biffen said that Mr Scargill, President of the NUM, had no hope whatsoever of securing victory but had a very real prospect of dividing the union.

Mr Biffen said that Mr Scargill, President of the NUM, had no hope whatsoever of securing victory but had a very real prospect of dividing the union.

Mr Biffen said that Mr Scargill, President of the NUM, had no hope whatsoever of securing victory but had a very real prospect of dividing the union.

Mr Biffen said that Mr Scargill, President of the NUM, had no hope whatsoever of securing victory but had a very real prospect of dividing the union.

Mr Biffen said that Mr Scargill, President of the NUM, had no hope whatsoever of securing victory but had a very real prospect of dividing the union.

Mr Biffen said that Mr Scargill, President of the NUM, had no hope whatsoever of securing victory but had a very real prospect of dividing the union.

Mr Biffen said that Mr Scargill, President of the NUM, had no hope whatsoever of securing victory but had a very real prospect of dividing the union.

Mr Biffen said that Mr Scargill, President of the NUM, had no hope whatsoever of securing victory but had a very real prospect of dividing the union.

Mr Biffen said that Mr Scargill, President of the NUM, had no hope whatsoever of securing victory but had a very real prospect of dividing the union.

Mr Biffen said that Mr Scargill, President of the NUM, had no hope whatsoever of securing victory but had a very real prospect of dividing the union.

Bishops want impediments to stay

Mr Biffen said that Mr Scargill, President of the NUM, had no hope whatsoever of securing victory but had a very real prospect of dividing the union.

Mr Biffen said that Mr Scargill, President of the NUM, had no hope whatsoever of securing victory but had a very real prospect of dividing the union.

Mr Biffen said that Mr Scargill, President of the NUM, had no hope whatsoever of securing victory but had a very real prospect of dividing the union.

Mr Biffen said that Mr Scargill, President of the NUM, had no hope whatsoever of securing victory but had a very real prospect of dividing the union.

Mr Biffen said that Mr Scargill, President of the NUM, had no hope whatsoever of securing victory but had a very real prospect of dividing the union.

Mr Biffen said that Mr Scargill, President of the NUM, had no hope whatsoever of securing victory but had a very real prospect of dividing the union.

29 training centres to be closed

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment, announced in a statement in the Commons that he had accepted proposals for reorganization of the skillcentres.

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment, announced in a statement in the Commons that he had accepted proposals for reorganization of the skillcentres.

Statement sought on banned TV film

Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House of Commons, answering business questions, replied that the matter could be looked at through the usual channels.

Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House of Commons, answering business questions, replied that the matter could be looked at through the usual channels.

Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House of Commons, answering business questions, replied that the matter could be looked at through the usual channels.

Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House of Commons, answering business questions, replied that the matter could be looked at through the usual channels.

Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House of Commons, answering business questions, replied that the matter could be looked at through the usual channels.

Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House of Commons, answering business questions, replied that the matter could be looked at through the usual channels.

Four years of growth by mid-year

By the end of this year Britain's economy will have achieved four consecutive years of growth.

By the end of this year Britain's economy will have achieved four consecutive years of growth.

THIS YEAR OVER 250,000 PEOPLE WILL ENJOY A MONTHLY INCOME FROM NATIONAL SAVINGS. HAPPILY, SO CAN YOU.

New higher interest rate - what 12.75% p.a. will pay you monthly. Table with investment and monthly income columns.

Former Speaker's memoirs

The former Speaker, Mr George Thomas, now Viscount Tonypanby, whose memoirs have just been published, was described in the Commons today.

Bill aims to curb software piracy

Tough new penalties to tackle the theft of computer software are proposed in a government-backed private member's Bill.

Police chief hearing to be private

Charges against Mr Alfred Parrish, Derbyshire's Chief Constable, will be heard behind closed doors between June 24 and July 12.

Militant backer in race for safe seat

A Militant Tendency supporter making a strong challenge for the Labour nomination at Gateshead East at the next election.

Government bus scheme 'nonsense'

Government proposals to free the bus industry from control were described last night as nonsense by Mr William Rodgers, the former Labour Secretary of State for Transport.

Bill aims to curb software piracy. By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent. Tough new penalties to tackle the theft of computer software...

Militant backer in race for safe seat. By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent. A Militant Tendency supporter making a strong challenge for the Labour nomination...

Vertical text on the right edge of the page, including 'Ethnic film v TV av' and 'Thea'.

AUSTIN ROVER



In an economy drive, it left 115 cars behind.



In a recent survey of 116 cars carried out by "Company Car Cost Calculator," the Metro City came through as the most economical to buy and run.[®]

Simply nothing could match its combination of low buying and running costs, and healthy resale value.

Yet the Metro City neither looks nor feels like an economy car.

Indeed, "What Car?" was moved to say "In City form the Metro is surprisingly civilised and hardly seems like an economy car at all."[®]

But then style and comfort are very much characteristics of the entire Metro range.

3-Door and 5-Door.

Of the eight 3-door and five 5-door models, each and every one is fitted with soothing cloth upholstery and deep pile carpets.

Each and every one has a new sophisticated one-piece fascia with all controls within easy reach.

Each and every one now sports a new sculpted bonnet and grille for an even more pleasing aerodynamic shape.

Each and every one delivers excellent mpg. The 1.0 HLE will in fact record a staggering 67.6 mpg at 56 mph.

Also common to the entire range is a larger 7.8 gallon tank to lengthen the distance between fuel stops.

And a locking cap that ensures it stays that way.

Economic price.

With all this and more, and prices starting at just £3,846 and stopping at £6,372, the Metro is more than just economic.

It's an economic miracle.

**AUSTIN
METRO**
From Austin Rover

هكنا من الأهل

© Leasecontracts - "Company Car Cost Calculator" 3. "What Car?" January 1985. Prices correct at time of going to press. Excl. number plates and delivery. DOT figures: Metro City simulated urban cycle 43.5 mpg/6.5 l per 100 km. Constant 56 mph 59.3 mpg/4.8 l per 100 km. Constant 75 mph 41.9 mpg/6.7 l per 100 km. Metro 1.0 HLE simulated urban cycle 48.3 mpg/5.9 l per 100 km. Constant 56 mph 67.6 mpg/4.2 l per 100 km. Constant 75 mph 46.4 mpg/6.1 l per 100 km.

Re

of

Cher
with

President Ci
is not been
with the mot
what in a re
broadcast tod
the Soviet offi
they insist th
a decision spee
-ism.
The Soviet le
they suffered
and acc
they is partic
as his diffic
his failure to
with cas
that he
demand at the
The other se
-siders Mr
-siders as a
suggested ele
-siders Soviet
-siders.
In an electi
-siders a year
-siders, the P
-siders the ab
-siders case no
-siders Mr Ch
-siders today. T
-siders sugges
-siders might
-siders of Mr Ch
-siders Mr Tikhon
-siders for

EEC
to sa
Papan

From Ian
Brus
The Europ
-siders to offer
-siders grant
-siders 4,500 million
-siders around £1.5
-siders the next seven
-siders don face up to
-siders caused by him
-siders foreign into the
-siders in total the
-siders account suggest
-siders the Commis
-siders siders well in
-siders or community
-siders The new progr
-siders under the pers
-siders siders to
-siders demands for a b
-siders Mr Andreas
-siders Jack P
-siders European sum
-siders that he would
-siders and Por
-siders we offered ad
-siders siders for the c
-siders to China in ord
-siders the negotiatio
-siders siders the iss
-siders political impo
-siders countries
-siders The Delors p
-siders to bridge the g
-siders Papan
-siders and Mrs T
-siders the Community
-siders amount he sugg
-siders siders that Br
-siders top limit but
-siders siders the total
-siders Part of the m
-siders here remain
-siders siders even when
-siders siders will pro
-siders siders even
-siders currently presi
-siders siders busines
-siders siders
-siders Mr Delors
-siders cheap loan of
-siders possible to pro
-siders outside the Ce
-siders siders which will
-siders siders Mr Pape
-siders Spanish c

Dock st
Paris (Reute
-siders siders out of
-siders more than 40
-siders toward the cou

Reagan preens himself in the sunshine of Thatcher's approval

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

President Reagan had every reason to be smiling broadly when he attended the glittering dinner held to commemorate 200 years of diplomatic relations between the US and Britain at the British Embassy on Wednesday. For the virtuoso performance by Mrs Thatcher earlier in the day - both during her speech to Congress and her subsequent talks at the White House - has greatly strengthened his hand at the forthcoming nuclear arms talks in Geneva.

For her part Mrs Thatcher has managed to transform the close personal relationship between herself and her ideological ally into a public declaration by the President of the "very special quality" of the ties between their two countries. The so-called "special relationship", inherited from the wartime friendship between Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt, has been reborn.

Mrs Thatcher's ringing endorsement of his "Star Wars" strategic defence research programme (including her offer of British scientists to take part in the research) and her insistence that the US and its Nato partners should continue to build up their nuclear and conventional forces, was music to the President's ears.

It means that he can now enter the Geneva talks confi-

dent that he has the backing of a key Nato ally and with the firm belief that, for the sake of allied unity, other European countries will follow Mrs Thatcher's example, even though they remain sceptical about the long-range implications of the "star wars" research programme.

Mrs Thatcher referred to *The Times* in her toast at the British Embassy banquet on Wednesday night, attended by President and Mrs Reagan. Noting that 1985 marks the 200th anniversary of the establishment of Anglo-US relations, she said: "I should also mention that 1985 marks the 200th anniversary of a famous British institution, *The Times* newspaper".

The Prime Minister's support also places the President in a stronger position to resist Congressional demands to cut military spending. He has asked for billions of dollars to forge ahead with construction of the MX and Trident missiles, the B-1 bomber, "Star Wars" and a host of other programmes.

The President has argued that his arms build-up has been responsible for the Soviet decision to return to the negotiation table. Mrs Thatcher agrees. "Let us be under no illusion," she told Congress. "It is our strength not their

goodwill that has brought the Soviet Union to the negotiating table in Geneva."

Mrs Thatcher's visit has also directed public attention to an issue which was troubling American arms negotiators - that the Soviet Union would try to use "Star Wars" to drive a wedge between the US and its allies at Geneva by trying to hold progress on medium-range and strategic weapons hostage to an agreement on space weapons.

The Prime Minister made it clear that Nato was already prepared for such a move. "We must recognize that we shall face a Soviet political offensive designed to sow differences among us, calculated to create infirmity of purpose, to impair resolve."

In return for her effusive support for the President's arms policies Mrs Thatcher received glowing accolades, an award for her contribution towards understanding, but evidently little to assuage her concern about the soaring dollar and yawning US budget deficits.

Her plea for the US to do something to relieve the imbalance between the dollar and sterling received a sympathetic hearing, but no immediate action.

West hold back, page 8
Geoffrey Smith, page 10



Ice spectacular: Some of the 16,000 competitors in a Brueghel-like setting

Farmer gets his skates on to win marathon

From Robert Schuil, Amsterdam

A 26-year-old Dutch farmer, Evert van Benthem won the 120-mile Friesian 11 towns skating tour yesterday in the record time of 6hr 47min.

Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands interrupted a private visit abroad to welcome him at the finish in Leeuwarden, the capital of the north-eastern Dutch province.

More than 16,000 skaters from all over the country took part in the traditional and picturesque marathon which was held for the first time in 22 years. In all that time winter temperatures had not been cold enough to ensure a safe passage on the ice along the waterways connecting the 11 Friesian towns. Twice earlier this year plans for the tour were called off.

It was the 13th tour since 22 skaters took part in the first event in 1903.

A whole new generation has had to familiarize itself with the Friesian terminology associated with the tour. In particular *Klunen* - which roughly means clambering off the ice and struggling with your skates on across the land to the next stretch of skatable ice - has now got into the Dutch language.

Nearly a million spectators converged on Friesland to watch the tour which was also televised live, during a 12-hour nonstop programme

Pilot error may have caused dive

San Francisco (AP) - The pilot who pulled a China Airlines Boeing 747 out of a six-mile dive after all four engines failed said he handled all procedures properly, but federal investigators are allegedly looking into whether human error caused it.

Captain Ming Yuen Ho's cool-headed flying was earlier credited for averting a possible crash when the Taiwanese airline began its descent on Tuesday morning 500 miles north-west of here.

End of a demon

Peking (AFP) - A Chinese Communist Party official who personally executed or ordered the executions of 27 people during the Cultural Revolution has himself been executed. He was nicknamed the "demon executioner", according to the *Peking Daily*.

Death penalty

Peking (AP) - A worker in Peking's municipal food bureau, who embezzled enough ration coupons to obtain more than 900,000lb of grain, has been sentenced to death. Some of the coupons were used to buy jade figurines.

Mirage sale

Paris (Reuters) - Abu Dhabi is to buy another 18 or 20 Mirage 2000 multi-role combat jets on top of 18 contracted for last year, industry sources said.

Chernenko has date with cameras today

From Richard Owen, Moscow

President Chernenko, who has not been seen in public for nearly two months, may reappear in a recorded election broadcast today, according to some Soviet officials. But other sources insist that the text of his election speech will be read for him.

The Soviet leader has reportedly suffered a series of strokes and according to some reports is partially paralysed and has difficulty speaking. This failure to appear today would cast doubt on official claims that he remains in command at the Kremlin.

Like other senior Politburo members Mr Chernenko is standing as a candidate in uncontested elections to the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Federation.

In an election speech in Moscow yesterday Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, the Prime Minister, praised the absent President but gave no indication of whether Mr Chernenko would appear today. There had earlier been suggestions that Mr Tikhonov might speak today in place of Mr Chernenko.

Mr Tikhonov condemned America for launching "an

unprecedented arms race on earth, at sea, in the air and in outer space". The militarization of space was a "most dangerous venture" which could bring the world to the verge of nuclear catastrophe. He said Russia favoured "radical decisions" on arms reductions at the Geneva talks next month but it was up to the United States to be realistic. The Soviet Prime Minister called for a strengthened Warsaw Pact.

Mr Chernenko is expected to elaborate on Russia's attitude to the Geneva talks. Soviet officials told foreign correspondents in Moscow that in contrast with previous years they would not be allowed to attend the speech, which is normally delivered to a mass audience in the Kremlin Palace of Congresses.

Diplomats said it appeared that the Kremlin wanted to control any reappearance by the Soviet President in order to disguise his condition. Sources suggested that the election speech might be recorded in Mr Chernenko's private quarters.

EEC tries to satisfy Papandreou

From Ian Murray, Brussels

The European Commission wants to offer its Mediterranean members grants worth up to £1,200 million plus cheap loans of around £1,500 million over the next seven years to help them face up to extra challenges caused by bringing Spain and Portugal into the Community.

In total this is about half the amount suggested by the previous Commission. It is, nevertheless, well in excess of the amount which Britain believes the Community needs to pay.

The new proposals, drawn up under the personal instruction designed to satisfy Greek demands for a better deal.

Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, told the European summit in Dublin that he would block entry of Spain and Portugal unless he was offered adequate compensation for the effects of enlargement. He has postponed a trip to China in order to take charge of the negotiations, because he knows the issue is of great political importance in his country.

The Delors plan is an attempt to bridge the gap between what Mr Papandreou says he wants and what Mrs Thatcher believes the Community can afford. The amount he suggests as a grant is double that Britain sees as the top limit but £300 million below the total Greece wants.

Part of the money is meant to be spent in Italy and France, so there remain delicate negotiations even when a total is agreed. Greece will press for the lion's share, even though Italy - currently presiding over Community business - has a larger claim.

Mr Delors hopes that the cheap loan offer will make it possible to provide extra money outside the Community's budget which will be sufficient to satisfy Mr Papandreou.

Spanish optimism, page 12

Brother of prince dies in shooting

Delhi (Reuters) - The brother of the former Maharaja of Bharatpur and two of his followers were killed in a shoot-out with police in Rajasthan. Man Singh and his supporters allegedly opened fire when police tried to arrest him on a charge of attempted murder.

Picking holes in defence system

Berne (Reuters) - Two young West German computer buffs claimed they had penetrated the Swiss civil defence network with a personal computer to prove Swiss security had "as many holes as Swiss cheese".

But the head of the data processing centre said it was much ado about nothing. The information gleaned was not classified and the Government had even recommended it be advertised on billboards.

Fakes under fire

Brussels - Counterfeit goods, from whisky to aircraft brakes, came under attack in the foreign trade committee of the European Parliament. It has allegedly cost about 6,000 Community jobs. Worst offenders are Taiwan, Indonesia, the Philippines and India.

Rebel setback

Huanta (Reuters) - Peruvian troops killed 70 guerrillas and wounded 30 in three surprise raids which marked their greatest success against Maoist subversions, police said. They attacked bases in the south-eastern provinces of Ayacucho and Huanavelica.

Seoul trials

Seoul (AFP) - About 180 students have been jailed here for staging demonstrations during the South Korean election campaign.

Gym raided

Nuremberg (Reuters) - Police raided the home and fitness centre of Olympic weightlifting champion Karl-Heinz Rad-schinsky and seized anabolic steroid drugs.



EVERY BUTLIN'S MAID IS A TRAINED KILLER.

Don't be fooled by a pretty smile. These girls are some of the most ruthless killers you're ever likely to meet. Because each one has been trained by us in the deadly art of keeping a room spotless. It's all part of the service we offer with a Jeyes Hygiene System. It's a system that's designed to help you choose the right cleaning product for the right job. That offers expert advice, on top of a

specialised training programme for your staff. It's the system Butlin's use to keep their rooms invitingly clean and welcoming. To everyone except germs, that is.

**JEYES
HYGIENE**
HYGIENE SYSTEMS THAT MAKE SENSE

إلى أين نسير

WE'RE THE POWER BEHIND THE SMALLER BUSINESS.

These smaller businesses all have one thing in common.

They're going places. Some quickly. Some not quite so quickly.

But they're all going places. With a little bit of help from us at 3i.

We've always had time and money for the man who has the acumen and ambition to build a successful business.

He is the kind of man who is prepared to stand or fall by his own judgement. Because he believes in his ability.

And we have more experience in recognising the ability of entrepreneurs than anyone else.

Words? No, action.

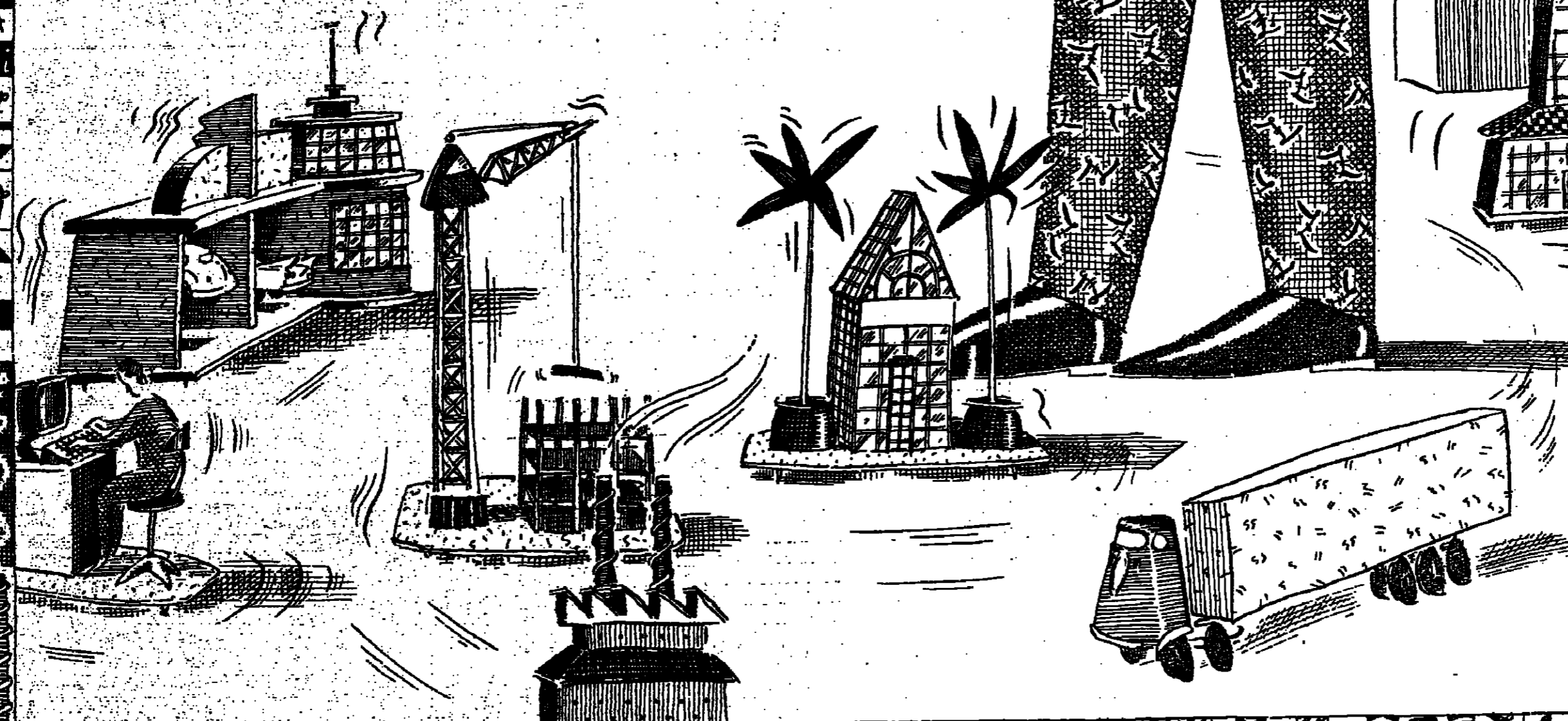
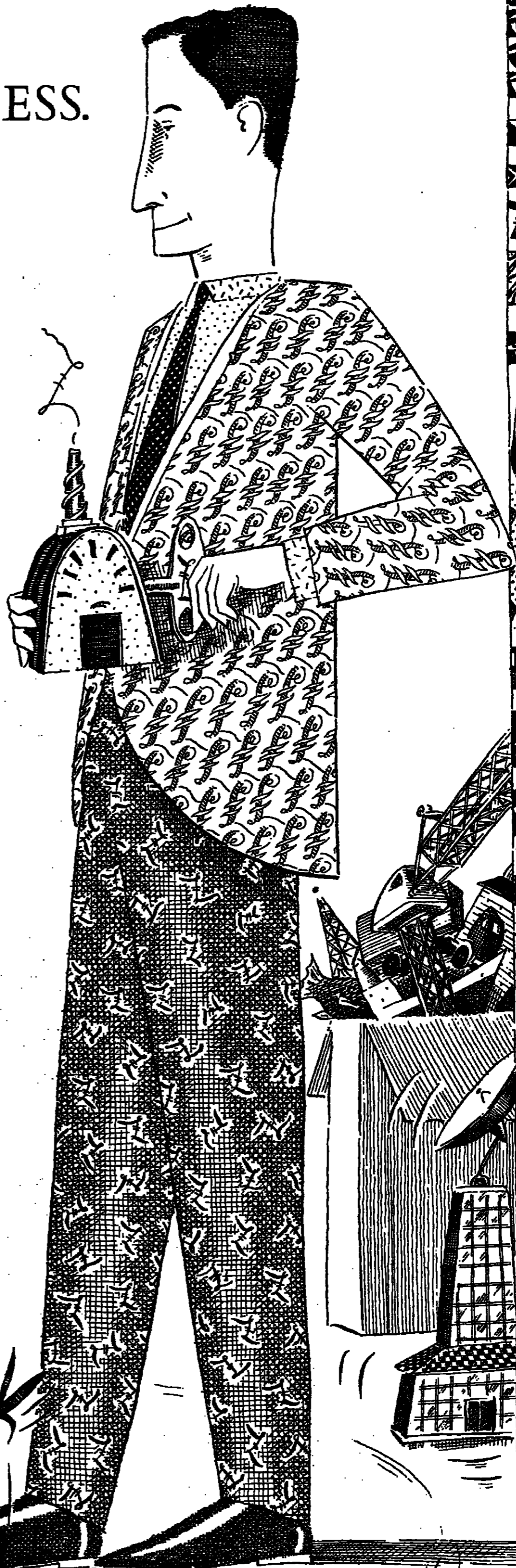
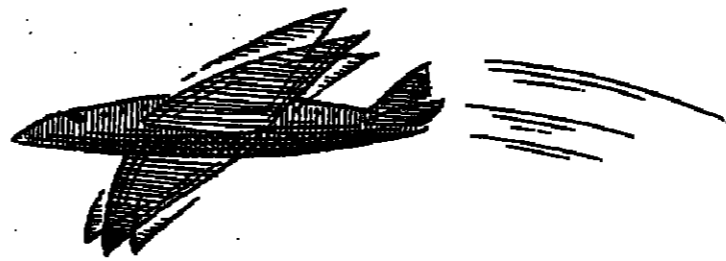
To date, we've backed some eight thousand small and medium-sized businesses to the tune of more than £1 billion.



Which makes us the largest source of venture capital in the world.

It's worked for them. It can work for you.

THE CREATIVE USE OF MONEY



Reagan rhetoric fails on Capitol Hill

From Christopher Thomas Washington

President Reagan's propaganda barrage in support of a resumption of covert military aid to Nicaraguan guerrillas is demonstrably failing to make a decisive impact on Capitol Hill.

Congressional opponents of the Administration's secret war against the Sandinistas have been unmoved by the President's declaration that the rebels are "our brothers" who deserve American funds. Even Mr George Shultz, Secretary of State, has begun to spice his standard low-key speeches with similarly emotive phraseology in an attempt to sway a sceptical Congress, as well as public opinion.

Most Democrats in the House of Representatives seem singularly unimpressed - and even a little amused - by the intensity of the rhetoric now permeating the upper reaches of the Administration. They remain resolute that they will oppose the request for \$14 million (about \$12.7 million) in covert aid. Congress expects to receive the request formally next month.

Under a congressional agreement reached in October the Administration is banned from financing the guerrillas - a ban imposed after nearly four years of secret American funding, totalling about \$75 million. Under the agreement a comparatively ungenerous \$14 million would be available from the 1985 budget if both Houses agreed. Almost certainly, the Democrat-controlled House of Representatives will vote against the Administration.

The new phase of anti-Sandinista rhetoric was



Out of the fight: A boatload of Nicaraguan youths escaping across the San Juan river into Costa Rica to avoid military service in the Sandinista army. Once across the river, they surrendered to the Red Cross.

launched by Mr Reagan in his weekly radio address on Saturday, when he urged Americans not to betray "our centuries-old dedication to supporting those who struggle for freedom". Since then Mr Shultz has told the House foreign affairs committee: "I see no reason why we should slam the door on people just because they have been taken behind the Iron Curtain. While we are promoting democratic reform throughout Central America, the Soviet Union and Cuba are abetting the establishment of a

communist dictatorship in Nicaragua." America, he declared, had a moral duty to help the fighters. The Administration is clearly taxed by the rapidly worsening problem of what to do with a once-prosperous, but now financially strapped guerrilla army of 14,000 Nicaraguan rebels, most of whom live in rough-and-ready camps in southern Honduras. By all accounts they are an increasingly disenchanted band, albeit still effective as a guerrilla force. Administration officials are

privately adamant that the fighters will not be given residential status in the United States if their army disintegrates. "The Miami crime rate would explode," a senior congressional source said. "These are not nice people, despite what the President says. The Administration is urgently seeking new ways of presenting an anti-Sandinista package to Congress in a more acceptable wrapping, but congressional Democrats are convinced that there will be no

attempt to revert from "covert" aid to "overt" aid.



Nicaragua mans its borders to meet feared US threat

Managua (Reuters) - Nicaragua says it is moving troops, tanks and heavy artillery to its border with Honduras to counter a possible US-led invasion.

In Washington, Administration sources said on Wednesday night that the Nicaraguan troop movements suggested the Sandinista government was planning a major spring offensive against US-backed right-wing rebels.

The Nicaraguan Defence Minister Señor Humberto Ortega took a group of journalists to a hill in northern Nicaragua yesterday a few miles from the Honduras border where a strong military force was deployed.

Weapons included Soviet T-55 tanks, Soviet multiple rocket launchers and 162 mm artillery.

At least two Soviet helicopter gunships flew overhead.

The US and Honduras are preparing to hold joint military exercises, including mock tank battles, in Honduras over the next three months. Nicaragua has said the war games are a rehearsal for a US invasion.

● SAN SALVADOR: At least 14 people were killed yesterday in fighting between leftist guerrillas and Salvadorian troops for control of key highways, military spokesmen said.

Eight soldiers and five rebels died when troops backed by A-37 fighter planes, fought for six hours to dislodge a guerrilla roadblock between the towns of Ilobasco and Sansuntepeque, about 30 miles northwest of San Salvador. Ten soldiers were wounded.

New Belize Premier seeks Mexican help

From John Carlin, Mexico City

Belize's recently elected Conservative Prime Minister, Mr Manuel Esquivel, is in Mexico for talks with President Miguel de la Madrid and other senior government officials.

The long-standing sovereignty claim to Belize by Guatemala, which also has a border with Mexico, is expected to be a principal subject. Mexico is known to be exerting diplomatic pressure for the problem with Guatemala to

be resolved through negotiation. The possibility that Guatemala's powerful Army might decide one day to try and seize the former British colony by force is a source of discomfort to Mexico, which is increasingly concerned about the Central American conflict raging near its southern border.

Mr Esquivel, who arrived in Mexico on Wednesday, has made it clear that he wishes to expand foreign investment

Commentary



Geoffrey Smith

The purpose of Mrs Thatcher's speech to Congress was to win goodwill for Britain on Capitol Hill. In the Administration and among the American public she succeeded brilliantly, largely by giving her listeners, with much rhetorical skill, essentially what they wanted to hear.

There are some who dissent from her achievement for that reason, dismissing it as unoriginal flattery. I do not share that view, which I think fails to appreciate both the art of political persuasion and the nature of Anglo-American relations.

This was not by any means an empty speech. Mrs Thatcher took the opportunity to stress the burden placed upon other countries by the absence of the dollar. She drew a clear distinction between research on the Strategic Defence Initiative, which she fully supported, and deployment, which would require further negotiation. She warned of the dangers of protectionism, and she delivered a sustained attack upon the folly of giving aid to the IRA.

Prime Ministers do not have the luxury of objective comment.

Using a traditional device of oratory

that is available to independent commentators. Political leaders have to be selective in their presentation of the truth because they must pay special attention to setting their message across. That Mrs Thatcher chose to place the emphasis upon the more favourable aspects of the American record was not merely excusable, but absolutely right.

Her audience was more likely to take note of her more controversial points because she set them within a framework of shared values and common objectives. To proceed from a foundation of agreement to issues where there are differences is a traditional device of political oratory. So the signs, and Mrs Thatcher would have been naive if she had neglected such an opportunity to establish the basis of agreement as dramatically as possible.

The relevant question is whether in doing so she did not just select from the truth but distort it. Did she make any statement which can be justified only by saying that she was buttering up the Americans?

Some would point to her criticisms of the Soviet Union as being out of place in the present international atmosphere, with a new era of East-West negotiations beginning. But her advocacy of negotiation was more likely to carry weight if she made it clear that she was rigorously realistic in her attitude to the Soviet Union.

The worst that Mrs Thatcher could fairly be accused of was a little hyperbole in her protestations of gratitude.

More criticism than comradeship

towards the United States. But that too was no bad thing. For years it has been fashionable on this side of the Atlantic to take American benevolence too much for granted.

There has been an assumption that within the Alliance the spirit of comradeship gives the prerogative of criticism. Up to a point, that is fair enough. But in recent years the criticism has been rather more evident than the comradeship. That is as dangerous between nations as we all know it can be between friends.

For many Americans the European allies seem to be people who go to Washington to whine. Europeans, to their eyes, are never satisfied. They are asked if they want cruise missiles, they say yes, and then they claim that the Americans are foisting the weapons on them. They grumbled that Carter gave the Alliance too little leadership, and now they object that Reagan gives too much. What do they want?

The difference in wealth and power not only between the United States and Britain, but increasingly between the United States and Western Europe, has become so great it poses problems for the political relationship. These problems will become still harder to manage if we fail to appreciate the understandable human sensitivities that exist on the other side of the Atlantic.

"This does not mean that we should refrain from criticism. But the history of the Anglo-American relationship, Roosevelt and Churchill onwards shows that criticism is more effective if expressed in private, and combined with a proper degree of appreciation. Mrs Thatcher has been wise to follow that principle.

Leadership crisis in Panama

Panama City (Reuters) - President Nicolas Arango Barletta of Panama is facing widespread hostility as he struggles to resolve a deepening economic crisis.

Even government supporters see the former World Bank vice-president as politically inexperienced. Opponents say he lacks the power base to rule effectively.

Opposition leaders say military chiefs, dominant for 16 years in Panamanian politics, are not keen to see Barletta, who they backed in last May's presidential election, fall from power but are distancing themselves from his policies. Señor Ricardo Arias Calderón, head of the opposition Christian Democratic Party, said that if the defence forces let Barletta go their position might be jeopardized.

"He was chosen as the most qualified person to tackle the economic problem and his failure would reflect badly on the military," he said.

Government officials admit the President faces a difficult task in reducing public spending and raising taxes to solve the crisis which has led to a \$3.5 billion foreign debt and a 5.5 per cent budget deficit. A 7 per cent tax on services caused widespread opposition last November, and had to be revoked. Señor Barletta said new solutions would be sought through consultation.

Vatican strike threatened

Rome (Reuters) - The union representing 1,650 lay Vatican employees has called the first official strike in the history of the Vatican next Tuesday unless pay demands are met. The action may affect the Vatican daily newspapers, Vatican radio, the postal service and the museums.

The Pope has defended workers' rights recognized the union. But Vatican sources have said he wants the workers and Vatican officials to reach agreement without resorting to a strike.

Princess Anne tours hospital

Delhi (AP) - Princess Anne, touring India on a 10-day visit as President of the "Save The Children Fund", met children and "wonder patients" at a \$40 million British-aided hospital in Orissa state yesterday. Resuming a visit postponed after the assassination of Mrs Gandhi last October, the Princess is also to see a Tibetan refugee camp, and is expected to meet the Prime Minister.

New rebel chief

Bogotá (Reuters) - Colombia's M19 rebel group has chosen a new leader six months after signing a one-year truce with the Government. Señor Alvaro Fayad, the leading political theorist, replaces Señor Iván Marino Ospina who remains a member of the five-man central command.

School spirit

Bulawayo (Reuters) - Teachers in this southern Zimbabwe city have started wearing school uniforms just like their pupils "to promote team spirit".

State visit

President de la Madrid of Mexico will pay a state visit to Britain from June 11 to 14, Buckingham Palace announced.

Come on up to Abbey National's new Seven Day level!

Just £100 gets you started!

These days, your money has really to earn its keep. And Abbey National offers you the chance to get up to a higher level of interest for as little as £100. Small wonder that close to 1.5 million Abbey National Seven Day Accounts have been opened.

No notice over £2,500

You can deposit between £100 and £30,000 (£60,000 for joint accounts). You give seven days' notice to withdraw (it's surprising how few demands can't wait seven days). And, if you leave £2,500 in, we don't even need that notice. Interest (currently 8.75% net p.a.) is credited half-yearly. If that interest is left to grow in the account, the effective annual rate is even better, working out at 8.94%.

Use the coupon! Or come to your local branch. It's time for you to come on up to Seven Day level!

8.75% NET APPLIED RATE = 8.94% NET EFFECTIVE ANNUAL RATE WHEN HALF-YEARLY INTEREST REMAINS INVESTED = 12.77% GROSS EFFECTIVE ANNUAL RATE TO BASIC RATE TAXPAYERS

To Dept. 7.D.N., Abbey National Building Society, FREEPOST, United Kingdom House, 180 Oxford Street, London W1E 3YZ.

I/We enclose a cheque numbered _____ to be invested in a Seven Day Account at my/our local branch in _____.

Please send me full details and an application card. Minimum investment £100. Maximum £30,000 per person, £60,000 joint account. I/We understand that withdrawals can be made at any time, subject to my/our having given 7 days' notice (no notice or charge provided a balance of £2,500 remains after withdrawal). I/We understand that the rate may vary.

Full name(s) Mr/Ms/Miss _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

ABBEY NATIONAL SEVEN DAY ACCOUNT

Get the Abbey Habit

هكنا من الأصيل

TAUNTON SIDING
SERVE CUSTOMERS

SAVED A COOL 25%
freight distribution costs

LOW DEPOSIT - HIGH RETURN
TAUNTON SIDING

set to Scotland overnight
sure as apples by
Speedlink Distribution

Did you think Speedlink was only for mighty trainloads of coal, iron and steel?

Did you think you had to be Ford or ICI before you could have your own siding?

And did you think it would cost you millions to build it?

Then here's a story that will change your thinking. Taunton's siding only cost them £20,000. Half the price of a lorry. And it was worth building, even though they were only sending two wagons every other day from Taunton to Glasgow.

There one of our road haulage partners takes care of the warehousing, order picking and deliveries. Making sure that brewery depots, cash-and-carries, supermarkets and off licences all over Scotland, are well stocked for opening time.

There's less damage. No double handling. And for every £1 they used to spend getting the oo arr to the och aye, Taunton only spend 75p now.

Now we're not saying that £20,000—or for that matter £200,000—is a typical figure.

But at the very least, it must be worth writing for more information to Stan Judd, Manager, Speedlink Distribution, 222 Marylebone Road, London NW1 6JJ.

Or phone 01-723 6249.

Who knows, one day you too could be an advertisement.

 **Speedlink Distribution**
You're better off siding with us.

Durban court remands another seven on treason charges

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Seven leading South African anti-apartheid campaigners arrested this week on charges of treason appeared in Durban magistrate's court yesterday and were remanded in custody until March 15 when the court will reply to their request for bail.

All are leading members of the United Democratic Front (UDF), a multi-racial coalition of extra-parliamentary opposition groups. The charges relate to activities from 1981 to 1984.

A total of 15 UDF leaders are now facing trial for treason. Eight others were charged earlier and remanded in custody until March 29. Their bail request was refused. It will be the biggest treason trial in a quarter of a century, and is widely seen as an attempt by the Government to crush the main legal vehicle for radical opposition.

Liberal opinion here is inclined to the view that the Government is simply using the treason charge as a pretext for locking up the UDF leaders without incurring the international odium of invoking the detention-without-trial provisions of the Internal Security Act.

Some of the accused have been in prison since last October, and delays in starting the trial while the state prepares its case could mean that even if those charged are eventually all acquitted they could spend a year or more in jail.

The accused comprise eight Africans, Mr Archie Gumede, Mrs Albertina Sisulu, the Rev Frank Chikane, Mr Isaac Ngobho, Mr Samuel Kikine, Mr Sisa Njikelana, Mr Curtis Nkondo and Mr Audrey Mokoena; six Indians, Mr Cassim Saloojee, Mr Paul David, Mr Mewa Ramgobin, Mr George Sewpersadh, Mr M J Naidoo; and one Coloured, Professor Ismail Mohamed.

Mr Gumede and five of the Indians took refuge for between one and three months last year in the British Consulate in Durban. They were arrested by security police as soon as they came out.

● **RIOT TOLL:** The death toll in the riots in the Crossroads black squatter settlements outside Cape Town rose to 18 yesterday when two of the more than 230 injured, a boy and a girl both aged about 16, died in hospital from their wounds, a police spokesman said.

While the situation was reported to be reasonably calm in Crossroads, violence flared in other parts of the country. In Galeshawe, a black township next to the diamond-mining town of Kimberley in the northern Cape, mobs on Wednesday night set fire to a beer hall, gutted a shop belonging to the township's mayor and stoned police vehicles and a fire engine.

Police, firing rubber bullets and tear gas grenades, were also in action against rioters in black townships outside Springs in the Johannesburg region and Welkom in the Orange Free State. Stone-throwing incidents were reported from New Brighton in the Eastern Cape.

An urgent debate is to be held next week in the House of Assembly, the white chamber of Parliament, on the Crossroads riots at the request of the Progressive Federal Party, the official opposition. The PFP will press the Government for a categorical assurance that no squatters will be resettled against their will.

So far the minister responsible for black affairs, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, has pledged only that no removal will take place without prior discussion with those involved.

● **TUTU WITHDRAWALS:** The Nobel peace prize winner, Bishop Desmond Tutu, withdrew from a South African television programme on disinvestment yesterday after the state-run radio service broadcast a scathing attack on him (Reuter reports).

Bishop Tutu, the Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, refused to have any dealings with the South Africa Broadcasting Corporation, which runs both television and radio services, until it apologized.



Donald's last quack

Clarence Nash (above), for 50 years the squawkey voice of Donald Duck, has died of leukemia in Burbank, California, aged 80. The voice which began as an imitation of a goat made its debut as Donald in 1934 and featured in 150 cartoon shorts and several full-length films. Nash once said his greatest challenge was foreign language cartoons. "I learnt to quack in French, Spanish, Portuguese, Japanese, Chinese and German."

Queensland power workers call off strike

From Tony Duboulin, Melbourne

Power workers in Queensland returned to work last night after accepting a state government offer to reinstate about 1,000 line-men sacked during the two-week dispute.

The strike, was over the use of contract labour by the electricity authority, led to 500,000 workers being laid off as the state's power output was cut by half.

Meanwhile, federal public servants yesterday voted to end their work-to-rule which had led to billions of dollars of government revenue being held up and several hundred public servants being laid off.

On Wednesday, the Arbitration Commission agreed to re-hear an 8.3 per cent wage claim by the public servants provided work bans were lifted by today. The rejection of the claim sparked the dispute.

In the New South Wales doctor's dispute, a split has opened up between the Australian Medical Association and the Council of Procedural Specialists, with AMA calling on the surgeons and specialists to resume normal services.

The association stopped short of calling for a withdrawal of resignations but clearly highlighted a rift between the two organizations - after talks between AMA and Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister and Dr Neal Blewett, the Health Minister, in Canberra yesterday.

New Zealand and Australia plan exercise without US

Wellington (Reuter) - New Zealand and Australia will hold a joint defence exercise next month without the United States, the third partner in the Anzus defence pact.

Mr David Lange, the Prime Minister of New Zealand, said yesterday that the exercise, known as Tasman-Link, would involve the army, navy and airforce, and would take place at Tasman Bay, New South Wales.

He said planning had started before the current dispute over Wellington's ban on visits by warships which may carry nuclear weapons.

The ban brought cancellation of an Anzus naval exercise involving all three defence pact partners which had been planned for next month. Lange said American forces had never been invited to Tasman-Link.

The New Zealand leader is to confer in Los Angeles on Monday with Mr William Brown, a US deputy assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, about the nuclear warship ban.

The meeting will be direct contact between New Zealand and the Reagan Administration since Wellington introduced the nuclear ban early this month.

CANBERRA: Australia has reaffirmed its commitment to Anzus with the US and New Zealand, and recognized Washington as its major ally (Reuter reports).

The Government-General, Sir Ninian Stephen said at the opening of parliament that Canberra would continue to enjoy a mature relationship of mutual respect and co-operation with the United States.

"The relationship between Australia and the US under the Anzus treaty remains as firm as ever."

The Madrid Government yesterday switched to a more positive mood after days of dramatizing Spain's difficulties in reaching agreement on EEC entry terms by March 30. A marathon negotiating session in Brussels between March 17-20 is now expected to be decisive.

"Even though substantial problems remain, for instance fishing, the Government believes there are reasons for optimism, and for maintaining the January 1986 entry date," a spokesman said after Wednesday night's Cabinet review of the outstanding problems.

Madrid is now relying on assurances it has evidently received in tandem with Italy's public call, supported by West Germany, for realism from the Community states.

Madrid has yet to give any concrete sign of helping the negotiations with concessions, however, and many here doubt the Government's new-found optimism. *La Vanguardia*, the Barcelona daily said in a leading article that only a miracle would see Spain in the EEC by the year's end.

Meanwhile, British MP, members of the select committee on agriculture, left here for home yesterday after getting an on-the-spot impression of what Spanish entry will mean for Britain.

They judged that British fishermen's worries were justified, even though Mr John Spence, (C. Bradford) the chairman, said talks of a new "Spanish armada" descending on Britain was exaggerated. But they also emphasized the opportunities for Britain to help modernize Spain's agriculture.

Most critical was Mr David Harris (C. St Ives) who maintained after visiting fishing centres in Galicia and talking with Madrid officials that Spain wanted to have over 300 fishing vessels competing in EEC waters with British boats, three times the present permitted number.

While there would be pressure on English market gardeners and glasshouse producers, the MPs saw at first hand the limitations of Almeria, Spain's big vegetable-growing area, as a challenge to Britain.

Rajiv says leaked Delhi secrets were industrial

Delhi (Reuter) - The Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, said yesterday the India's spy scandal involved industrial secrets passed on by low-level officials. The security system was as much to blame as foreign agents, he said.

Asked in an interview with the weekly newspaper *Blitz* about the espionage, Mr Gandhi said: "It is mostly industrial. There is very little of strategic or defence secrets involved."

Since the scandal broke a month ago, 17 senior government officials and businessmen have been arrested and made statements implicating France, Poland, East Germany and the Soviet Union.

Mr Gandhi hinted that stern action taken against France, involving the recall of its ambassador and deputy military attaché, was due to higher-grade information being passed on to Paris.

"We felt there was some difference in the quality of material that was going there," he said.

Mr Gandhi said India's security system needed tightening because there were too many loopholes for people wanting to find out secrets.

"We are trying to look at this problem in a very mature manner, because it is not so much a case of foreign agents spying in India. It is our doors and windows which just seem to open to the world," he said.

Mr Gandhi said he hoped the crackdown, including sacking senior officials not directly involved, would lead to a new sense of responsibility.

Sind. The total could not be immediately confirmed but Karachi police gave even higher figures for the provincial capital than the newspaper.

A police spokesman said more than 650 people have been rounded up in Karachi in the past four days.

A government spokesman gave an incomplete national list of 369 arrests of people actively working for an election boycott.

He had only 188 arrests reported from Sind but admitted his figures might not be up to date. All but one leader of the 11 parties in the opposition Movement for the Restoration of Democracy are in jail or under house arrest.

9.25% NET*

Our new highest return, with easy access.

From February 1st our 10th issue High Return Access Shares now pay investors 9.25% net* p.a. (13.21% gross†).

Leave the half-yearly interest in the account, and that adds up to 9.46% net* (13.52% gross†) over the whole year.

Or if you wish, you can take the interest as income, either monthly or six-monthly.

Withdrawals can be made without penalty on 3 months' written notice, or immediately with the loss of just 90 days' interest on the sum withdrawn.

If you leave a balance of £10,000 or more in the account, then instant withdrawals can be made without notice or loss of interest.



Call in at one of our 474 branches or many agents or use the coupon to invest by post.

*Basic rate tax paid. †Gross equivalent where tax is paid at 30%. Head Office: Permanent House, The Headrow, Leeds LS1 1NS.

To Gordon Barnett, Leeds Permanent Building Society, FREEPOST, Permanent House, The Headrow, Leeds LS1 1SQ.

I/We enclose £_____ to invest in 10th issue High Return Access Shares. (Any sum from £500, up to a maximum of £30,000 in the Leeds, or £60,000 for joint accounts).

Full name(s) _____ Address _____ Postcode _____

I/We would like the interest to be paid as monthly income paid six monthly left in the account (tick as appropriate)

All investments are subject to the rules of the Society and the conditions of issue applicable to these accounts. Remember, interest rates may vary.

Signature(s) _____



مکان من الاجل

**NO REPAYMENTS
FOR 12 MONTHS.**



FIAT REGATA. MUCH MORE FOR YOUR MONEY.

The Fiat Regata. Everything you'd expect from a car which demonstrates the latest automotive space technology. A car built with you in mind.

So refined in its technology, an integrated check panel tells you that all systems are go. A fuel econometer relays levels of consumption.

And fingertip touch controls regulate the temperature and ventilation for maximum comfort.

The Regata 100 Super combines advanced technology with more down-to-earth luxuries.

Such as a stereo radio/cassette, steel sunroof, tinted glass, electric front windows, central door locking, adjustable steering column, asymmetrically split folding rear seat and a cavernous boot with 18.1 cu.ft. of luggage space.

With all this advanced technology comes safety with 5-seat belts as standard, and peace of mind with the backing

TIME TO PAY

AFTER PAYING A MINIMUM 25% DEPOSIT
(WHICH MIGHT BE BY WAY OF PART EXCHANGE OF EXISTING CAR)

YOU NEEDN'T WORRY ABOUT PAYMENTS FOR A FULL YEAR, THEN PAY THE REMAINDER OVER THE NEXT 24 MONTHS.

TYPICAL EXAMPLE: REGATA 100 SUPER

Cash Price (inc. est. on road costs)	£7,086.80
25% Minimum Deposit	£1,771.70
Remainder	£5,315.10
Interest at 11.73% APR	£1,275.54
24 equal monthly instalments commencing 1 year after date of agreement	£ 274.61
Total Credit Price	£8,362.34

APR 11.73%

of the full six-year anti-perforation warranty†† and Fiat's Mastercare service. Need we go on.

Yes, just to say that every one of the six models in the Regata range has more interior space, with more leg and headroom than many 'larger' (and more expensive) saloons.

So much space, in fact, you might say the Fiat Regata is simply out of this world.

So take a trip to your local Fiat Dealer now. Test drive the Fiat Regata to experience its comfort and spaciousness, and for a limited period you could benefit from this special finance offer.

**WIN ONE OF FIVE FAMILY HOLIDAYS TO
WALT DISNEY'S EPCOT WORLD OF SPACE
AND THE SUNNY FLORIDA COAST.**
Visit your local Fiat Dealer for full easy-to-enter details.

Regata £4990-£6790**

FIAT

SETTING NEW STANDARDS

CASH PRICE (CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS) INCLUDES ON-THE-ROAD COSTS OF CAR TAX, 15% VAT, 1ST YEAR'S ROAD TAX AND ESTIMATED DELIVERY AND NUMBER PLATES CHARGE. APR SHOWN IS CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS. THIS OFFER IS AVAILABLE ON AGREEMENTS HAVING A MAXIMUM PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS INCLUDING THE FIRST INSTALMENT-FREE YEAR AND APPLIES TO ALL NEW FIAT REGATA'S PURCHASED AND REGISTERED BETWEEN 16 JAN AND 16 MAR 1985. FINANCE ARRANGED THROUGH FIAT FINANCE LTD, 12 DALMEIRIE ROAD, BIRMINGHAM B15 1JZ. APPLICANTS MUST OPERATE A BANK CURRENT ACCOUNT AND AGREE TO MAKE PAYMENTS BY DIRECT DEBIT. APPLICANTS MUST BE OVER 18 YEARS OF AGE, UK RESIDENTS AND CREDITWORTHY. INSTALMENTS WILL COMMENCE 12 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF ENTERING INTO THE AGREEMENT (THIS OFFER AVAILABLE AT PARTICIPATING FIAT DEALERS ONLY AND NOT AVAILABLE IN CHANNEL ISLANDS). MODEL ILLUSTRATED FIAT REGATA 100 SUPER. FIAT REGATA 70ES: CASH PRICE, INCLUDING ESTIMATED ON-THE-ROAD COSTS, £5,777. TOTAL CREDIT PRICE (EASY) CALCULATED AS IN TYPICAL EXAMPLE ABOVE. FIAT REGATA 85 SUPER: CASH PRICE, INCLUDING ESTIMATED ON-THE-ROAD COSTS, £6,292. TOTAL CREDIT PRICE (EASY) CALCULATED AS IN TYPICAL EXAMPLE ABOVE. OFFICIAL DOE FUEL CONSUMPTION FIGURES: REGATA 85 SUPER 63.3 MPG (8.4 L/100 KM) AT A CONSTANT 56 MPH, 29.9 MPG (12.1 L/100 KM) AT A CONSTANT 75 MPH, 30.1 MPG (8.4 L/100 KM) URBAN CYCLE. REGATA 70ES 54.3 MPG (5.1 L/100 KM) AT A CONSTANT 56 MPH, 20.4 MPG (8.1 L/100 KM) AT A CONSTANT 75 MPH, 38.2 MPG (7.4 L/100 KM) URBAN CYCLE. REGATA 100 SUPER 47.9 MPG (5.9 L/100 KM) AT A CONSTANT 56 MPH, 35.8 MPG (7.3 L/100 KM) AT A CONSTANT 75 MPH, 27.2 MPG (10.4 L/100 KM) URBAN CYCLE. *SUPER MODELS. **SUPER & ES MODELS ONLY. † FULL WRITTEN DETAILS ON REQUEST. †† PRICES CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS AND INCLUDE CAR TAX AND 15% VAT BUT EXCLUDE DELIVERY, NUMBER PLATES AND ROAD TAX.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 20: Mr Alan White was received in audience by the Queen...

Birthdays today

Sir Roderick Barclay, 76; Mr Bruce Forsyth, 57; Miss Patricia Lancaster, 56...

The Fellowship of Engineering

The Duke of Edinburgh, Senior Fellow of the Fellowship of Engineering, presented the 1984 MacRobert Award to Dr F. B. Mercer...

Reception

Honourable Society of Cymru-ddeir Hon Mr Justice Mans-Jones received the guests at a reception held at Gray's Inn yesterday...

Dinners

Speaker The Speaker and Mrs Weatherill gave a dinner in Speaker's House yesterday in honour of the President of the Legislative Council of Zaire...

Other guests were: Mr Harold Walker, Mr and Mrs Walker, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr and Mrs David Lamb...

The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, received Major-General M. Callan (Representative Colonel Commandant) and Major-General W. L. Whalley (Director General of Ordnance Services)...

Repton School

Music Scholarship Examination, 1985 The following awards have been made:

Inner Temple

The following have been elected Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple:

Association of Consulting Engineers

The quarterly court dinner of the Company of Tin-Plate Workers Aliax Wire Workers was held at Causton's Hall last night...

Association of Consulting Engineers

The engagement is announced between Roger, elder son of Mr and Mrs T. Chapman, of Turvey...

Association of Consulting Engineers

The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs T. J. Croyle, of Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol...

Association of Consulting Engineers

The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Mr William Firth and Dr Mary Firth, of Golders Green, London...

Association of Consulting Engineers

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of the late Mr P. Collyer-Bristow and Mrs D. E. Collyer-Bristow, of Shipton Moyne, Gloucestershire...

Association of Consulting Engineers

The engagement is announced between Philip Robert, younger son of Mrs Hilary Noble, of London, SW3, and the late Mr. H. Noble...

Association of Consulting Engineers

The engagement is announced between John Warwick Richardson, of Loughborough, Leicestershire, and Helen Grace Gibson, of Bolton, Lancashire...

Sale room Russian chandelier tops bids in Stockholm

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

Famously decorative furnishings from Russia proved the star turns of Bukowski's sale of nineteenth-century art in Stockholm yesterday...

Marriages

The Hon M. S. A. Agar and Mrs A. C. Blackwell The marriage took place on Friday, February 8, 1985...

Marriages

Mr W. H. Midwood and Miss F. M. Muir The marriage took place on February 21 at St Tyrone's Church...

Marriages

Mr M. P. Wyndham and Mrs A. Dean The marriage took place on February 21 between Mr Michael Wyndham and Mrs Alison Dean...

Latest appointments

Legal Latest appointments include Mr Brian Farrer, QC, and Mr Michael Coombe, QC...

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. E. Gilbert and Miss E. J. Harbison The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs G. D. Gilbert, of Aston Rowant, Oxfordshire...

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. J. G. Jenkins and Miss G. A. Hogg The engagement is announced between Robert, eldest son of the late Mr J. G. Jenkins and Mrs G. M. Jenkins, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent...

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G. J. Leigh and Miss J. M. Stacombe The engagement is announced between James, elder son of the late Mr and Mrs William Leigh, of Twickenham, Middlesex...

Forthcoming marriages

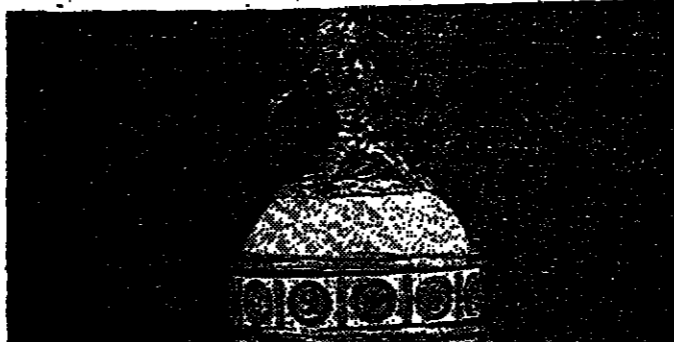
Mr H. P. Lewis-Morgan and Miss F. Newton The engagement is announced between Hugh, son of the late Mr P. V. Lewis-Morgan and Mrs Lewis-Morgan, of Bosham, and Frances, daughter of the late Mr D. E. Newton and Mrs Gordon Boylston, of Oxford...

Forthcoming marriages

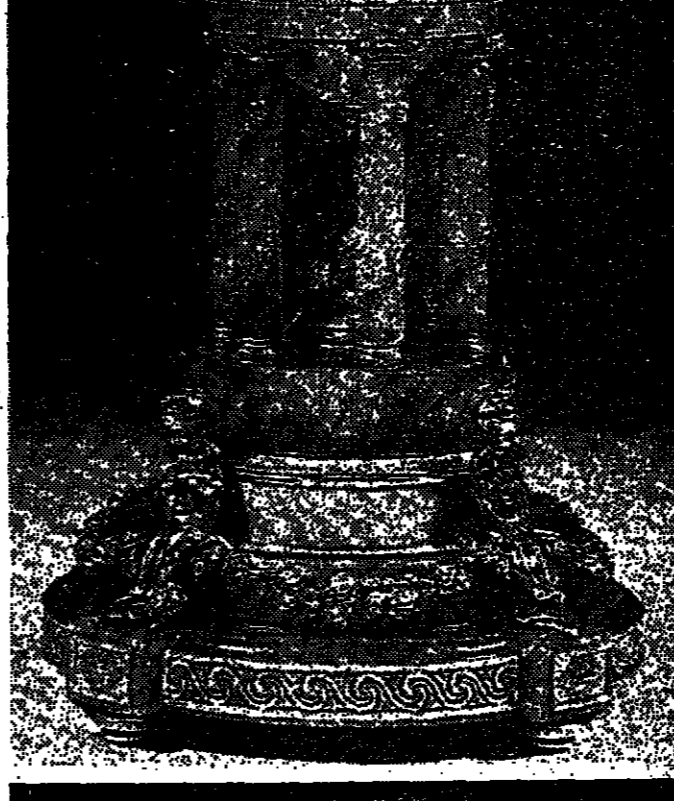
Dr J. P. Joseph and Miss J. E. Kupper The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Professor and Mrs D. M. Frinsley, of Melbourne, Australia, and Judith, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Kupper, of Cheside, Cheshire...

Forthcoming marriages

Dr J. W. Richardson and Dr H. G. Gibson The engagement is announced between John Warwick Richardson, of Loughborough, Leicestershire, and Helen Grace Gibson, of Bolton, Lancashire...



The Queen's Gallery at Buckingham Palace reopens today with an exhibition of Fabergé treasures...



The Queen's Gallery at Buckingham Palace reopens today with an exhibition of Fabergé treasures...

The Queen's Gallery at Buckingham Palace reopens today with an exhibition of Fabergé treasures belonging to the Royal Family...

Science report

Some alcoholic brain damage reversible

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Some forms of brain damage in alcoholics may be reversible after prolonged abstinence, but it is unlikely that intellectual or physical abilities can be restored...

Science report

Some alcoholic brain damage reversible

The main point of interest in the study is that the reduction in brain volume in the alcoholic cases related to a loss of white matter...

Science report

Some alcoholic brain damage reversible

Previous studies have shown that cerebral blood flow is reduced in both grey and white matter. One recent study showed a selective reduction in cerebral blood flow in the white matter of a group of 50 alcoholic patients...

OBITUARY MISS JOSEPHINE BRADLEY

Ballroom dancer and teacher

Miss Josephine Bradley, MBE, who died on February 16, aged 91, was at the heart of all that is best in ballroom dancing throughout her long career...

MR CLARENCE NASH

Clarence Nash, who for 50 years provided the squawky, irascible voice of Walt Disney's film cartoon character Donald Duck, died in Burbank, California on February 20...

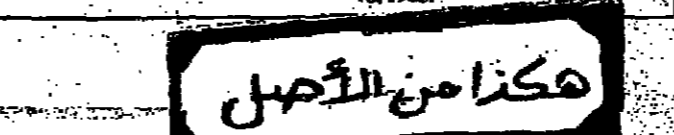
MR HAIG GUDENIAN

Sir John Walton writes: By any standards, Haig Gudenian, OBE, was a quite remarkable man. As a journalist of note, indeed of distinction, he spent a long period with O'Higgins Press...

MR R. J. S. CURTIS

A correspondent writes: Dick Curtis, OBE, Senior Vice-President of the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools, died on February 7, aged 84...

Advertisement for SULLIVAN POWELL CIGARETTES, featuring a pack of cigarettes and text: 'They cost 65p for 20 cigarettes. Available from Sullivan Powell and a few of the better tobacconists. SULLIVAN POWELL 34 BURLINGTON ARCADE, LONDON, W1'.



THE TIMES Portfolio

From your Portfolio card check your eight share price movements. Add them up to give you your overall total. Check this against the daily dividend figure published on this page. If it matches you have won outright or a share of the total daily prize money stated. If you are a winner follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming.

Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes sections for INDUSTRIALS E-K, INDUSTRIALS S-Z, BANKS DISCOUNT HP, DRAPERY & STORES, and BRITISH FUNDS.

Weekly Dividend table with columns: MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT, Weekly Total.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes sections for OVER FIFTEEN YEARS and INDEX-TRACKED.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes sections for BREWERIES and BANKS DISCOUNT HP.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes sections for ELECTRICALS and BANKS DISCOUNT HP.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Quiet market

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Feb 11. Dealings End, Feb 22. \$ Contango Day, Feb 25. Settlement Day, March 4. \$ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for BUILDING AND ROADS.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for FINANCE AND LAND.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for FOODS.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for CHEMICALS, PLASTICS.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for CINEMAS AND TV.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for DRAPERY AND STORES.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for INDUSTRIALS A-D.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for ELECTRICALS.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for BUILDING AND ROADS.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for FINANCE AND LAND.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for FOODS.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for CHEMICALS, PLASTICS.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for CINEMAS AND TV.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for DRAPERY AND STORES.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for INDUSTRIALS A-D.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for ELECTRICALS.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for BUILDING AND ROADS.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for FINANCE AND LAND.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for FOODS.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for CHEMICALS, PLASTICS.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for CINEMAS AND TV.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for DRAPERY AND STORES.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for INDUSTRIALS A-D.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for ELECTRICALS.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for BUILDING AND ROADS.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for FINANCE AND LAND.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for FOODS.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for CHEMICALS, PLASTICS.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for CINEMAS AND TV.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for DRAPERY AND STORES.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for INDUSTRIALS A-D.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for ELECTRICALS.

THE TIMES Portfolio DAILY DIVIDEND £4,000. Claims required for +29 points. Claimants should ring 0254-53272.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for OVERSEAS TRADERS.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for PAPER, PRINTING, ADVERTISING.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for INSURANCE.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for LEISURE.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for PROPERTY.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for MINING.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes section for SHIPPING.

Table with columns: 1984/85 High, 1984/85 Low, Company, Price, Chg, Div, Yld, P/E. Includes sections for SHOES AND LEATHER, TEXTILES, MOTORS AND AIRCRAFT, NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLISHERS, and TOBACCO.

مكتبة النور

DeLo... Arthur... For the... Arthur... itself on... over the... DeLo... Yesterday... in the... behalf of... Northern... negligence... of duty a... with the... amount... This... Andersen... it is... Andersen... fed up... person is... he asked... question... lawsuits... creditors... times ov... The r... brought... Ireland... opinion... is imm... Airways... to suc... advanta... try and... British... now be... Perh... allegat... PS... to... Econom...

WALL STREET

Table of stock market data including Dow Jones Industrial Average, S&P 500, and various market indices.

Early fall for Dow

New York (Ap-Dow Jones) - The Dow Jones industrial average was down 6.19 point at 1,276.94 in early trading yesterday.

Declines rose near 2-to-1 over advances and trading was active. Mr James Joyce, research director for Prescott Ball & Turben, said the market 'seems to be consolidating after its sharp slump'.

Mr Joyce said that "as it becomes clear that interest rates are likely to stabilize and not advance we would expect the stock market to resume its advance".

Table of commodity prices including Wheat, Corn, Soybeans, and other agricultural products.

Table of commodity prices including Oil, Gas, and other energy-related commodities.

Table of commodity prices including Metals and other industrial commodities.

Table of commodity prices including Livestock and other animal products.

Table of commodity prices including various other goods and services.

Table of commodity prices including various other goods and services.

Table of commodity prices including various other goods and services.

APPOINTMENTS

Wiltshire Northern: Mr Brain Gay has been made managing director.

Emulex Corporation: Mr Stephen Frankel has been appointed chief general manager and chief executive officer.

Watney Mann & Truman: Mr R. M. Harrison will take up a senior staff position in the WMTB Centre.

First Co-operative finance: Mr David Cavell has been made a director.

Stone & Webster Engineering: Mr Donald Morton has been appointed deputy managing director.

Plastico: Mr Robert Goodwin becomes deputy managing director.

Howard Group: Mr Ron Peet has been appointed non-executive chairman.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Table of investment trusts including various funds and their performance.

Table of investment trusts including various funds and their performance.

Table of investment trusts including various funds and their performance.

Table of investment trusts including various funds and their performance.

Table of investment trusts including various funds and their performance.

Table of investment trusts including various funds and their performance.

Table of investment trusts including various funds and their performance.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table of London financial futures including various contracts and their prices.

COMMODITIES

Table of commodity prices including various goods and services.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Table of money market rates and gold prices.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table of foreign exchange rates for various currencies.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Table of sterling spot and forward rates.

AUTHORIZED UNIT TRUSTS

Table of authorized unit trusts including various funds and their details.

COMPANY NEWS

Table of company news including various corporate announcements.

STAKIS TO SELL WINE BUSINESS

Stakis, the Glasgow-based hotels and casino group, is preparing to sell its wholesale wine and spirits business to Scottish and Newcastle Breweries.

THOMAS NATIONWIDE

Half-year to Dec 31: Figures in Australian currency. International 6 cent. Net profit \$15.3 million.

WESTFIELD MINERALS

Results for 1984. Net income - figures in Can\$ 000 - 1,623 (387) or 25 cents per share (6). Revenue 2,343 (524).

STOCK MARKET REVIEW

Shares froth as City is told 'Guinness is good for you'

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

Shares of Guinness, the once ailing brewing group which has been revitalized by Mr Ernest Saunders, its chief executive, firmed to within a few pence of their peak yesterday after the group had impressed Grieverson, Grant & Co, the stockbroker. After a lunchtime meeting, Guinness shares firmed up 10p to 243p before easing to 241p. In the dark days of 1981 when it seemed that the group's diversification hotch-potch would leave lasting scars, the shares were just 50p. Guinness was once the most lowly rated of the leading breweries. Now it is being seen more and more as a brand-conscious production and retailing group. Over the GG luncheon table, Lonrho, the international trading group, is emerging as the clear favourite to bid for James Finlay, which has a wide spread of interests ranging from banking to tea. It is suggested that Lonrho is negotiating to buy the 28.9 per cent of Finlay owned by the Far Eastern group John Swire. Finlay shares were unchanged at 148p. The Guinness men emphasized their increasing involvement in retailing which could in five years represent about half turnover. In the last year about 90 per cent of sales came from brewing. Guinness has also been spreading into the health and fitness market, and early this month took over an American speciality food business. Mr John Spicer, the GG analyst, has included a £2 million contribution from the US company in his profit upgrading. It was left to revised analysts' forecasts and a middle over the announcement of the Plessey third-quarter figures to enliven what was a dull and at times subdued day for equities. At the close, the FT 30 share index was registering a 3.6-point gain at 984.9, its best level of the day. The more broadly based FT SE share index closed 3.3 points higher at 1,279.1. At one time it had been more than six points off. There was utter confusion on the electrical pitch when two hours before the Plessey figures

Traded option highlights

Traded options business was positively slack yesterday, with the total number of contracts traded reaching just 4,626. No contract could be said to stand out as heavily traded, but Courtaulds showed some style as 433 options changed hands. British Telecom and BAT Industries were also among the top names dealt in some size, with BT chalking up 422 contracts and BAT's showing 404 options moving through the books. In both cases, more than 75 per cent was call business.

Sprinkel to head Reagan's advisers

Washington (AP-Dow Jones) - Mr Beryl Sprinkel, the US Treasury Under Secretary, is to head President Reagan's Council of Economic Advisers, according to Administration sources.

Mr Sprinkel will succeed Mr Martin Feldstein, who left the Administration in July to return to teaching economics at Harvard University. Since Mr Feldstein's departure, a council member, Mr William Niskanen has been acting as head of the panel, although he has not been given the title of acting chairman. Mr Niskanen was told on Wednesday evening by White House officials that he would not be made chairman. He was asked to remain on the council as a member, he said, but refused.

Mr Sprinkel is a monetarist economist who believes that changes in the economy's growth rate are largely determined by changes in the money supply. He also believes strongly that the economy performs best when free of all government intervention. In his position at the Treasury, he has frequently criticized the Federal Reserve for failing to keep money growth within its target ranges. He has also been a fervent opponent of government intervention in the foreign exchange markets.

In the early years of the Reagan Administration, Mr Sprinkel on several occasions was chastised by the Treasury Secretary Mr Donald Regan and others in the Administration for making public his rigid views on economic policy. But in the past two years, he has toned down his public comments. Mr Sprinkel's appointment is a defeat for supply-side economists, who disagree with the Treasury economists' close focus on the money supply.

TEMPUS

Plessey walks tightrope to higher dividend

No, Plessey does not need a rights issue, yes, the European climate is towards mergers, and yes, the group is worried about its share price. After the recent sharp underperformance, the company is right to worry about its stock market standing, but yesterday, it all came right. The shares finished up 14p at 190p, after some sharp gyrations induced by premature disclosure of the third quarter figures in New York.

The results illuminate the tightrope along which Plessey is forced to walk. Its commitment to British Telecom's System X is substantial. Working capital absorbed by the project may be as high as £50 million and fixed asset investment a further £25 million. Losses for the first nine months of 1984-85 may have totalled £4.25 million. Plessey is in that awkward position when the forward ordering and design are about to be translated into volume production and cash flow. Production delays hardly help. Nor does BT's feisty approach to ordering now in quarterly tranches and the simultaneous rundown of the old cash-cow switching contracts.

Worse alternative markets such as tactical radio, have been tacked, while the cost generally of retooling throughout the group has trimmed cash balances by £200 million to £123.5 million. In theory, therefore, the 15.2 per cent rise in the interim dividend is the ritual sacrificial gesture before the final sell-off. Yet Plessey's evident strategy of maximum disclosure about progress contains a confident rationale. Just as BT has changed, post-floatation, so too has Plessey. Far from being a mere supplier to BT, Plessey

maintains that its role as design authority to System X has boosted the group into a new league as an integrated telecommunications company. Its new-found independence means, again in theory, that its planned push into the US - 50 per cent of the world digital switching market - will take place on the back of its engineering expertise, not from desperation. Hence, in-house confidence may have motivated the sharply higher dividend.

DPCE Holdings

In the face of stiff opposition from computer manufacturers DPCE Holding has gradually carved out a healthy niche in the maintenance and service market. To date, the company has found most of its business in Britain like so many organizations it has looked at the massive US computer market with envy. DPCE has a small presence in the US having won only one contract there worth \$750,000 a year. It now believes the time is right, despite the strength of the dollar, to expand there and this is one of the main reasons for its one-for-six rights issue to raise £6.9 million.

The company's explanation for the fund raising is still a little worrying. It insists that US customers will deal only with companies that have about £7 million in cash balances. The last set of accounts reveal that DPCE had only £280,000 in the bank which implies that a large proportion of the rights money will be left initially on deposit merely to impress the Americans. DPCE also needs to fund its recent Dutch acquisition which

is losing money and requires an injection of working capital. DPCE's interim results showed an advance in pretax profits from £744,000 to a little over £1 million and fired the market's enthusiasm or the rights issue. The shares closed up 21p at 465p against a rights price of 365p. A lot hinges on the company's ability to penetrate the US market successfully.

Gilts

Yesterday's gossip about the new index-linked tap, £400 million of Treasury 2½ per cent 2013 offered for sale by tender, was reasonably encouraging. The tender may have pulled in about £200 million, and allocation at £88 gives a yield of 3.1 per cent, rather lower than initial estimates. A tender price of £87 was mooted. Conventional gilts were largely unimpressed by the funding operation. Long-dated stock eased a further ½-point on the back of sterling's weakness; the pound dropping to \$1.0830. Yet for traders who care about these things, key details of the tap merit further scrutiny.

Significantly, the authorities organized the tender for the first day of the new March banking month which ends on March 20, the day after the Budget. Presumably this gesture was meant to signify that funding pressures are currently containable, and hence by extension, that the gilts "sale of the century" in banking February was adequate. With only two stocks, including Exchequer II per cent 1990, now operating as taps, the market is probably not wrong to expect further debt sales this afternoon.

Property chief critical of RICS

By Judith Huntley

Mr Tony Gaitskell, the managing director of Hill Samuel Property Management yesterday accused the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors of a protectionist approach to changes in the City. Addressing the National Association of Pension Funds and British Property Federation conference at Eastbourne, he said the resentment felt by chartered surveyors at the incursion of merchant banks into property investment was the result of too much self-interest. Mr Gaitskell said that surveyors and merchant banks complemented rather than conflicted with each other in advising clients on property investment. He did not believe that the financial conglomerates lining up in the City would swallow up estate agents. Investors did not want aggressive conglomerates offering advice on all fronts, he said, they preferred to select their own expert teams.

Property was not a top-flight investment at the moment, apart from a few exceptions. But if the British property market is not so good, America certainly is. Mr Keith Douglas-Mann, a partner in Jones Lang Wootton, the chartered surveyor said that the US won top marks for overseas property investment. British investment had risen by \$25 billion (£23 billion) in four years and British developed estate agents had been involved in 7 million square feet of offices in Manhattan in the last five years. British pension funds alone had invested \$2 billion in US real estate.

Elsewhere in the engineering sector John Brown stayed in the limelight, rising to 34p at one stage before settling for a 1p gain by the close of business at 33p. Market talk about the group, one of Britain's best engineering, includes a bid from the US and a smart turnaround in trading fortunes. British Aerospace also put on speed, rising 12p to 393p as the City grew enthusiastic about sales prospects for the aircraft maker. General Electric Company, which is involved in several projects with BAe - including the Nimrod air defence system - showed some improvement. The shares rose 4p to 200p.

Base Lending Rates

Table listing base lending rates for various banks: ABN Bank (14%), Adam & Company (14%), Barclays (14%), BCCI (14%), Citibank Savings (12 1/2%), Consolidated Crds (14%), Continental Trust (14%), C. Hoare & Co (14%), Lloyds Bank (14%), Midland Bank (14%), Nat Westminster (14%), TSB (14%), Williams & Glyn's (14%), Citibank NA (14%).

Cullen's Holdings plc advertisement. Authorized £1,200,000. Issued £1,060,000. Ordinary shares of 10p each. Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the Ordinary Shares of the Company to be admitted to the Official List. Listing particulars in respect of the Company are available in the statistical services of Exel Statistical Services Limited.

Real estate advertisement: 'Overlooking a lake, adjoining a park and in the heart of London'. Air-conditioned office suites with private parking. 3,100 and 9,400 or 12,500 sq. ft. TO BE LET. FOR FULL DETAILS CONTACT JOINT AGENTS Healey & Baker and JOHN D WOOD.

THE 8th NATIONAL COMPUTER CONFERENCE advertisement. Hosted by ARAMCO in Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia, on 17 Muharram 1406H, October 1, 1985. The National Computer Conference will be sponsored by ARAMCO as an industrial representative for the first time following successful conferences sponsored by academic representatives in the Kingdom. Topics include: 1. Computer Management and Utilization, 2. Computer Graphics, 3. Office Automation, 4. Computers in Education, 5. Data Security, 6. Centralized vs. Distributed Systems, 7. Computers and Simulation, 8. Computers in Industrial Processes, 9. Other (Specify).

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS and IN MEMORIAM. Announcements authorized by the sender...

DEATHS. ROWLANDS Margaret. Passed away peacefully at her home...

ANNOUNCEMENTS. AUTHORS. Have you written a book? We would like to publish it...

PERSONAL COLUMNS. HOLIDAYS AND VILLAS. EUROVISTA WORLD TRAVEL. Many daily departures from Heathrow and Gatwick...

FLAT SHARING. WIMLEIGH. Prof person share charming flat with one other...

RENTALS. Buchanans. Personal letting & management. 01-370 7511

GEORGE KNIGHT & PARTNERS. The Letting Agents. Chiswick W4. 589-2133

BIRTHS. BENTHAL. On February 19th at 7th, a son Sebastian Paul...

DEATHS. BURN. On February 16th at 16th Avenue, a daughter...

ANNOUNCEMENTS. BARGAIN AIR FARES. New York \$129, Los Angeles \$129...

YOUR DREAM HOLIDAY NOW - PAY LATER. Now you can book the holiday of a lifetime through Eurovista...

FLAT SHARING. WIMLEIGH. Prof person share charming flat with one other...

RENTALS. Buchanans. Personal letting & management. 01-370 7511

RENTALS. MAYFAIR W1. Luxury 2 bedroom flat in Mayfair...

BIRTHS. BENTHAL. On February 19th at 7th, a son Sebastian Paul...

DEATHS. BURN. On February 16th at 16th Avenue, a daughter...

ANNOUNCEMENTS. BARGAIN AIR FARES. New York \$129, Los Angeles \$129...

WINTER SPORTS. CHALET HOLIDAYS FROM £166. February and March Savings of up to £110...

FLAT SHARING. WIMLEIGH. Prof person share charming flat with one other...

RENTALS. Buchanans. Personal letting & management. 01-370 7511

RENTALS. MAYFAIR W1. Luxury 2 bedroom flat in Mayfair...

BIRTHS. BENTHAL. On February 19th at 7th, a son Sebastian Paul...

DEATHS. BURN. On February 16th at 16th Avenue, a daughter...

ANNOUNCEMENTS. BARGAIN AIR FARES. New York \$129, Los Angeles \$129...

WINTER SPORTS. CHALET HOLIDAYS FROM £166. February and March Savings of up to £110...

FLAT SHARING. WIMLEIGH. Prof person share charming flat with one other...

RENTALS. Buchanans. Personal letting & management. 01-370 7511

RENTALS. MAYFAIR W1. Luxury 2 bedroom flat in Mayfair...

BIRTHS. BENTHAL. On February 19th at 7th, a son Sebastian Paul...

DEATHS. BURN. On February 16th at 16th Avenue, a daughter...

ANNOUNCEMENTS. BARGAIN AIR FARES. New York \$129, Los Angeles \$129...

WINTER SPORTS. CHALET HOLIDAYS FROM £166. February and March Savings of up to £110...

FLAT SHARING. WIMLEIGH. Prof person share charming flat with one other...

RENTALS. Buchanans. Personal letting & management. 01-370 7511

RENTALS. MAYFAIR W1. Luxury 2 bedroom flat in Mayfair...

BIRTHS. BENTHAL. On February 19th at 7th, a son Sebastian Paul...

DEATHS. BURN. On February 16th at 16th Avenue, a daughter...

ANNOUNCEMENTS. BARGAIN AIR FARES. New York \$129, Los Angeles \$129...

WINTER SPORTS. CHALET HOLIDAYS FROM £166. February and March Savings of up to £110...

FLAT SHARING. WIMLEIGH. Prof person share charming flat with one other...

RENTALS. Buchanans. Personal letting & management. 01-370 7511

RENTALS. MAYFAIR W1. Luxury 2 bedroom flat in Mayfair...

BIRTHS. BENTHAL. On February 19th at 7th, a son Sebastian Paul...

DEATHS. BURN. On February 16th at 16th Avenue, a daughter...

ANNOUNCEMENTS. BARGAIN AIR FARES. New York \$129, Los Angeles \$129...

WINTER SPORTS. CHALET HOLIDAYS FROM £166. February and March Savings of up to £110...

FLAT SHARING. WIMLEIGH. Prof person share charming flat with one other...

RENTALS. Buchanans. Personal letting & management. 01-370 7511

RENTALS. MAYFAIR W1. Luxury 2 bedroom flat in Mayfair...

BIRTHS. BENTHAL. On February 19th at 7th, a son Sebastian Paul...

DEATHS. BURN. On February 16th at 16th Avenue, a daughter...

ANNOUNCEMENTS. BARGAIN AIR FARES. New York \$129, Los Angeles \$129...

WINTER SPORTS. CHALET HOLIDAYS FROM £166. February and March Savings of up to £110...

FLAT SHARING. WIMLEIGH. Prof person share charming flat with one other...

RENTALS. Buchanans. Personal letting & management. 01-370 7511

RENTALS. MAYFAIR W1. Luxury 2 bedroom flat in Mayfair...

BIRTHS. BENTHAL. On February 19th at 7th, a son Sebastian Paul...

DEATHS. BURN. On February 16th at 16th Avenue, a daughter...

ANNOUNCEMENTS. BARGAIN AIR FARES. New York \$129, Los Angeles \$129...

WINTER SPORTS. CHALET HOLIDAYS FROM £166. February and March Savings of up to £110...

FLAT SHARING. WIMLEIGH. Prof person share charming flat with one other...

RENTALS. Buchanans. Personal letting & management. 01-370 7511

RENTALS. MAYFAIR W1. Luxury 2 bedroom flat in Mayfair...

BIRTHS. BENTHAL. On February 19th at 7th, a son Sebastian Paul...

DEATHS. BURN. On February 16th at 16th Avenue, a daughter...

ANNOUNCEMENTS. BARGAIN AIR FARES. New York \$129, Los Angeles \$129...

WINTER SPORTS. CHALET HOLIDAYS FROM £166. February and March Savings of up to £110...

FLAT SHARING. WIMLEIGH. Prof person share charming flat with one other...

RENTALS. Buchanans. Personal letting & management. 01-370 7511

RENTALS. MAYFAIR W1. Luxury 2 bedroom flat in Mayfair...

BIRTHS. BENTHAL. On February 19th at 7th, a son Sebastian Paul...

DEATHS. BURN. On February 16th at 16th Avenue, a daughter...

ANNOUNCEMENTS. BARGAIN AIR FARES. New York \$129, Los Angeles \$129...

WINTER SPORTS. CHALET HOLIDAYS FROM £166. February and March Savings of up to £110...

FLAT SHARING. WIMLEIGH. Prof person share charming flat with one other...

RENTALS. Buchanans. Personal letting & management. 01-370 7511

RENTALS. MAYFAIR W1. Luxury 2 bedroom flat in Mayfair...

ATTACK CANCER. We're leading the fight against cancer, but we still need your help. DIABETES. The MacRobert Award. The Fellowship of Engineering acting on behalf of the MacRobert Trusts...

USA CARREAN. New York \$249, Los Angeles \$249. GREEK ISLAND HOLIDAYS FROM £129. OPEN UP. WITHOUT LEAVING THE CAR. SHIRT £2. DO IT YOURSELF. THE SISTER ROSE PRIVATE CLINIC. COSMETIC SURGERY. VACANCES FRANCE. Wide choice of carefully selected villas...

ENTERTAINMENTS. CONCERTS. OPERA & BALLET. NORTH OF THAMES. COUNTRY PROPERTY. OVERSEAS PROPERTIES. YACHTS AND BOATS. SOUTH OF FRANCE. SEASONAL SALE. SPECIALIST AGENCY for language secretaries. THE SISTER ROSE PRIVATE CLINIC. COSMETIC SURGERY. VACANCES FRANCE.

